

BSc International Management – Your Feedback for 2015-16 Academic Year Abroad

Exchange university attended:	University of Otago
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Please give as much information as you can about the following topics:

<p>Induction/Orientation Programme What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?</p>	<p>Reo week, student society presented social activities and events, eg concerts Introductory talk and tour for international students. Showed layout of buildings, and things available to students.</p>
<p>Academic Experience Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support.</p>	<p>Similar to Manchester in terms of lecture style and seminar support. Blackboard is also used in a similar way. Courses have a higher level of coursework as opposed to final exam.</p>
<p>Host International Office Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students.</p>	<p>International office is very friendly and helpful for all admin purposes, such as school classes and visa issues.</p>
<p>Insurance and/or Health Cover Please include any information relating to the purchase of compulsory health insurance i.e. costs etc. or whether this was waived by having the University of Manchester Insurance Policy.</p>	<p>Student safe insurance is a compulsory purchase, costs \$250. Covers all medical conditions excluding pre-existing afflictions.</p>
<p>Information on any addition costs This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.</p>	<p>Student services fees are compulsory, cost \$330. They allows access to things such as the gym. Not sure what else these pay for, I assume the library, apart from that most other things require further purchasing.</p>
<p>Accommodation As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.</p>	<p>UNiflats, is university offered international student accommodation, each flat is predominantly internationals with one local domestic student living and 'hosting'. Applications to uniflats includes a questionnaire on personality, and expectations, so as to place students to flats in which they will be comfortable. Can choose to flat locally instead, but is not as good.</p>
<p>Destination information and overall experience Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups.</p>	<p>New Zealand is very far, it is an effort to get to, worth it though. To travel round new you need a car, as public transport is not really a thing. A car is very important as there is so much to see within driving distance and loads of time to go away and see it. Cars are really cheap. Social life is sorted by where you live, living with loads of internationals and kiwis who will organise everything you need.</p>
<p>Describe your year abroad in a sentence!</p>	<p>Yer yer yer na yer, not a bad idea aye. This place is sweet as.</p>

<p>Induction/Orientation Programme What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?</p>	<p>Induction included Maori greeting, introduced key members of staff such as the international team, library staff etc. Also made students aware of the layout of the university (gym, SU building, libraries).</p>
<p>Academic Experience Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support.</p>	<p>Style of teaching, methods of assessment including weightings and ease of access very similar to Manchester, specifically due to liberal use of blackboard.</p>
<p>Host International Office Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students.</p>	<p>International office has large presence on campus, very supportive and easy to contact, will help with anything from visa issues to classroom location.</p>
<p>Insurance and/or Health Cover Please include any information relating to the purchase of compulsory health insurance i.e. costs etc. or whether this was waived by having the University of Manchester Insurance Policy.</p>	<p>Don't think UoM insurance policy covered here effectively, had to buy StudentSafe insurance, insured for anything apart from pre-existing conditions. Cost approximately \$250 a semester.</p>
<p>Information on any addition costs This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.</p>	<p>Must pay a student services fee of approximately \$330 per semester, for use of gym and sports facilities, apart from gym unclear to where this goes as most other facilities must be paid for.</p>
<p>Accommodation As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.</p>	<p>Can rent own flat, however would advise using UniFlats, not halls but uni owned flats filled with other internationals and a kiwi host, a New Zealander who helps you settle in and deal with setting up in NZ e.g. setting up a bank account, general admin with Uni etc.</p>
<p>Destination information and overall experience Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups.</p>	<p>Great place to come on exchange, must buy a car in order to really see NZ properly, once done so is an amazing country. Dunedin itself is very friendly, very little crime, large student population so basically any interest is likely to have some form of society/club someone can join.</p>
<p>Describe your year abroad in a sentence!</p>	<p>Absolutely unreal, definitely the best year of my life, without a doubt would finish my degree here if I could.</p>